

career. There was no aspect of academic life in which he did not excel. He was a trusted adviser to countless students and sponsor of an organization of young student chemists. His colleagues across the University respected his values and his judgment, and they entrusted him with critical positions on important institutional and AAUP policy-making committees. He tried his hand at administration—assistant dean of Arts and Sciences (1964-1966) and interim chair of Chemistry (1968-1969).

But in the end, he would be best remembered for his important scientific research and his splendid teaching, which he continued to demonstrate until his retirement in 1995. These culminated in Sherril's appointment as a George Lynn Cross Research Professor, the University's most prestigious honor for exceptional research, in 1969. His international reputation was marked by extensive collaborations and appointments in Sweden, Norway, Thailand and Turkey. It is no wonder that his contributions to the University and his field are memorialized by a bust in the Chemistry Building.

Sherril was also well known (and beloved) for the parties that he and his wife, Dee, held at their home for graduate and undergraduate students, post-doctoral fellows and colleagues. Wonderful food, games and a good time were had by all. Sherril was an excellent scientist, a gifted teacher, a thoughtful friend, and an all-around good guy ... one of a kind. 🍷

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TRAVIS CAPERTON

Put a Ring On It

Amidst the whirlwind of classes, activities and “final everything” leading up to spring Commencement, OU seniors pause for April’s OU Ring Ceremony and receive a memento that will mark them forever as a member of the Sooner Nation.